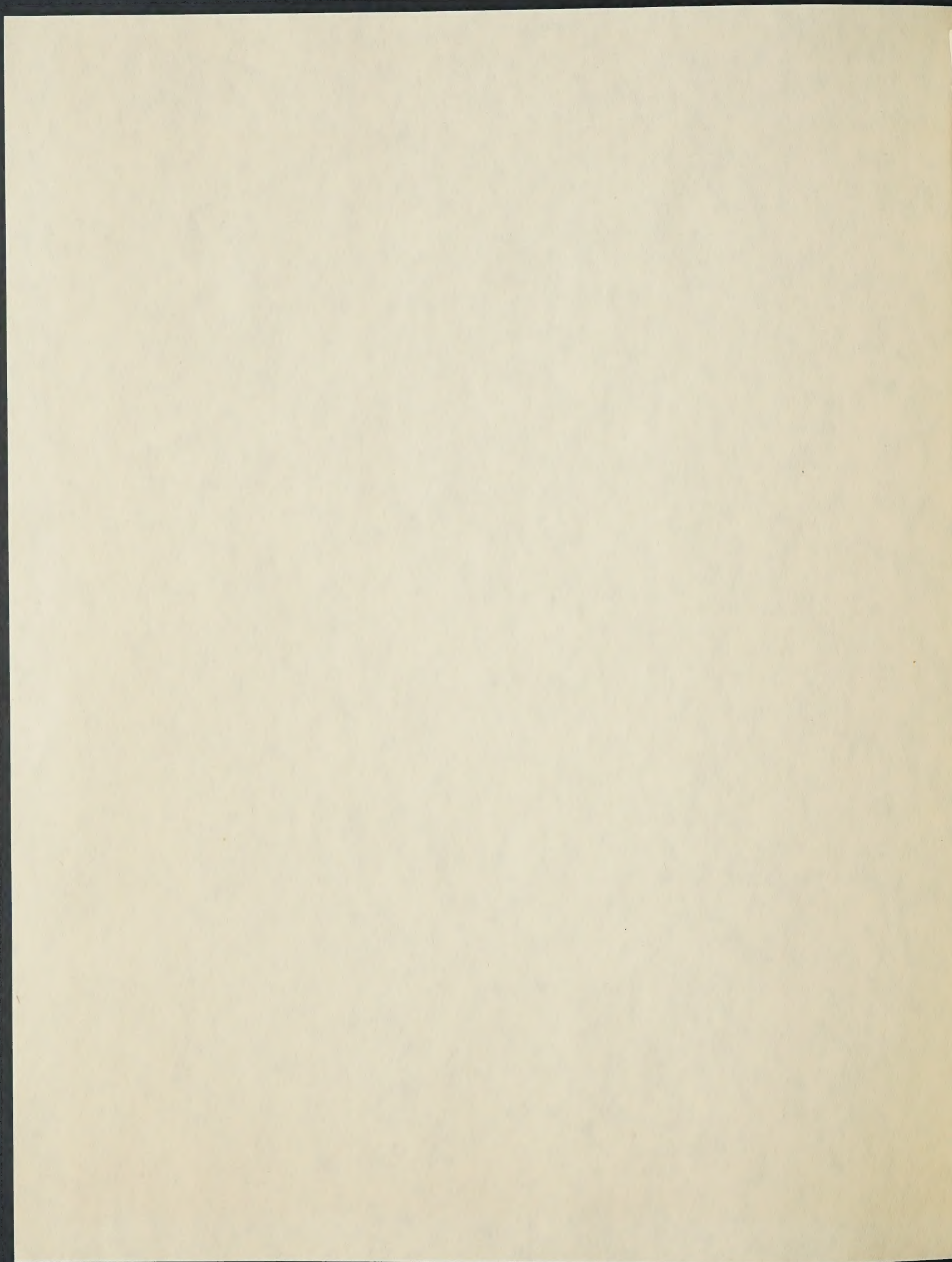


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Sir Robert Falconer,
Pres. University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:-

As Battery Sergeant Major of the
67th U. of I. Battery, and being in
closer touch with the men than the
Officers have a chance to be, and
knowing their temperament, I take the
liberty of writing you in reference to
a rumour that is becoming too
prevalent for comfort. Namely, that
Mr. Gawley is to be supplanted as
O. C. of this Battery by a Mr.
Garruthers.

Mr. Garruthers, I understand,
has had no practical experience,
therefore, representing the N. C. O.'s
and men of this Battery, I have
no hesitancy in saying that if

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such a change is made it will be a grievous error and will have a demoralizing effect upon the morale of the Battery, which is now in a high state of efficiency due almost entirely to the untiring efforts of Mr. Gawley.

As you probably know, Mr. Gawley won his promotion on the field, and during the six weeks that he has been administering D. C. of this unit, he has won the admiration and respect of all ranks by the thorough and practical system of training which he has introduced and his fairness and justice to the men.

I trust you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing you in this matter, but having the interest of the Battery at heart, I thought it best that you should

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know the general feeling throughout the unit and the dissatisfaction with which the possibility of such a change is being viewed by all concerned.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgt. Major A. E. Jennings

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Sgt. Major A. T. Jennings,

67th Battery,

Petawawa Camp, Ont.

Dear Mr. Jennings:

I have received your letter with regard to the appointment of an Officer Commanding Battery No 67. I do not know how the rumour got under way with regard to Mr. Carruthers, for his name has not been submitted to me at all, nor was he being considered since the resignation of Captain Orde. I think you will find that when the appointment is made it will be satisfactory to the Battery. I trust that the ~~Battery~~ will continue on its successful career.

Yours sincerely,

President.